

As a Metra rider, I have a big concern about commuting to Chicago if rail traffic increases on a line that crosses Union Pacific Northwest line.

I've lived in North Barrington for over 5 years, and always take Metra to work in Chicago. Only about twice a year do I currently get delayed by a crossing freight train, either while driving to or from the Barrington Metra station, or waiting for my train to arrive in Barrington.

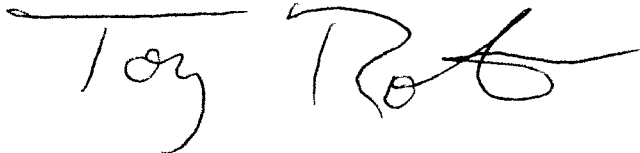
Increased freight traffic will:

1. Cause more delays.
2. Cause more frequent delays.
3. Increase anxiety whenever I need to travel to downtown Barrington, or through downtown Barrington.
4. Cause me to no longer plan dinner in or south of Barrington, hurting the economy of those areas.
5. Increase air pollution from the trains, and from lines of traffic waiting for those trains to pass.
6. Increase noise from rail traffic and from their warning horns.

Please stop the increase in freight traffic through Barrington!

And if the deal somehow goes through, I'm sure they'll promise not to interrupt morning or evening commute time. But there should be a prohibitively large fine for them if they pass through Lake County during those times. So I'll know during my frustrating delays that a fund is being built to help and/or entertain the county.

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